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AMEMBASSY GABORONE

AMNONSUL JOHANNESBURG 2267

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SUBJ :RUMORS OF 'TERRORIST FREEZE'

1. SOUTH AFRICAN PRESS HAS BEEN WORKING OVERTIME IN ATTEMPT TO GIVE SUBSTANCE TO WIDESPREAD BELIEF THAT 'SOMETHING IN WORKS' REGARDING SAG-BLACK AFRICA RELATIONS. LATEST IN SERIES OF SPECULATIVE REPORTS, INITIALLY PROMPTED BY PM VORSTER'S SENATE SPEECH AND PRESIDENT KAUNDA'S UNIVERSITY ADDRESS, REPEATED BELOW WITHOUT ATTEMPT TO COMMENT ON VERACITY OR PROBABILITY.

2. WEEKEND ARGUS REPORTED NOVEMBER 9 THAT ZAMBIAN GOVERNMENT IS EXPECTED TO TELL 'TERRORISTS' MOVEMENTS BASED IN ITS TERRITORY TO EASE OFF OPERATIONS AGAINST RHODESIA AND SOUTH AFRICA TO ALLOW TIME FOR TRANSFORMATION IN SOUTH AFRICA AND FOR RHODESIAN SETTLEMENT.

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UNBYLINED STORY DATED LUSAKA QUOTES UNNAMED LIBERATION ORGANIZATION

OFFICIAL THAT ZAMBIAN DECISION PRODUCT OF ONGOING TALKS BETWEEN ZAMBIAN PRESIDENT KAUNDA, TANZANIAN PRESIDENT NYERERE, BOTSWANA PRESIDENT KHAMA, AND FREELIMO LEADER SAMORA MACHEL. LATTER HAS REPORTEDLY TOLD OTHERS THAT MOZAMBIQUE WILL NOT BE USED AS A LAUNCHING PAD AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA.

3. NOVEMBER 11 RAND DAILY MAIL CARRIES ARTICLE BY LABOR AFFAIRS REPORTER JOHN IMRIE, WHO CLAIMS THAT HE HAS FOUND KEY PIECE IN JIGSAW PUZZLE OF SOUTHERN AFRICA POLITICS. IMRIE WRITES THAT LEADER OF KWAZULU HOMELAND, CHIEF GATSHA BUTHELEZI, CONVINCED OAU SECRETARIAT MEETING IN ADDIS ABABA LAST DECEMBER TO GIVE SOUTH AFRICA CHANCE TO SOLVE OWN PROBLEMS. SUBSEQUENTLY, OAU SECRETARIAT OBTAINED PERMISSION FROM HEADS OF AFRICAN STATES TO HALT WAR PREPARATIONS AND 'HUGE SUPPLY OF ARMS FROM CHINA' WAS STOPPED IN UNNAMED AFRICAN COUNTRY. IMRIE STATES HE HAS ASSEMBLED BIG PICTURE FROM CLUES HE GOT AT ILO GENEVA CONFERENCE EARLIER IN YEAR.

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